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INVENTION: A METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING AN ATM-ORIENTED
CELL STREAM VIA AT LEAST TWO VIRTUAL
CONNECTIONS IN AN ATM COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references listed on Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

Document AL, European 0 576 856 A2 relates to a continual ATM bit-stream transmission which transmits data cells with signal sections of a bit stream without modification of ATM data cells.

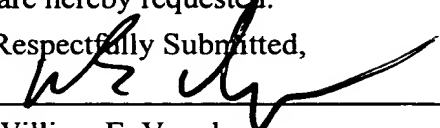
Document AM, European EP 0 584 398 B1 relates to an information cell transmission procedure for an asynchronous transfer mode network which divides information parts of each cell into successive signal sections being transferred in parallel and assembled using associated sequence numbers.

Document AO, German DE 196 30 845 A1 relates to converting first communications protocol (ISDN) into second protocol (ATM) which involves releasing only such communications capacity between an interface and a second subnetwork to correspond to an integer multiple of capacity of communications channel in a first network.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is distinguishable and non-obvious over the enclosed references, taken singly or in combination.

Accordingly, early consideration and allowance of the application,
including the claims, are hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,


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